

Mar 1861

Confederate flag
2 red bars + 1 white bar
Blue field 7 white stars
in circle

April 1861

1912 Dates J-BK

Virginia seceded

1861

1912 Dates J-BK

(1812-1900) John Alexander McCLELLAN AND

American politician and soldier. Born in Breckinridge County, KY Taken to Illinois when very young. Member of state of Illinois legislature (1836-1842) and of Congress (1843-1851 & 1859-1861) Appointed Brigadier General (May 17, 1861) and served with distinction until his resignation from the Army (Nov. 30, 1864) Subsequently practiced law in Springfield,

1861-1865

U.S. Civil War

Union (north) over Confederate States (south)

1861 Battle of Bull Run

1862 Battle of Antietam

1863 Battles of Chancellorsville & Gettysburg

1863 Battle of Vicksburg & Chattanooga

1864 Battle of Wilderness

1861

1912 Dates J-BK

(1819-1894) CHARLES STANLEY, VISCOUNT MONCK

Born at Templemore, Ireland. Called to bar 1841
Member of Parliament for Portsmouth (1852
1855), Lord of treasury (1855-1858), Governor
general of Canada (1861). Reappointed 1867
in Confederation of provinces with Dominion
and resigned 1868. Served on Irish education
Commission (1871). Succeeded his father
to Irish Peerage (1849). Made a Viscount
in peerage of Great Britain (1866)

1861

Italy was unified.

1861

1912 Dates J-BK

U.S.

Kansas was admitted

March 1861

"At 3 am the striking-train of
"Big Ben" again struck and "Big Ben"
sounded about 20 times

1861

Excavations began in Pompeii
& Herculaneum

1861

Russian serfs freed by Czar Alexander II

April 1861

Big Ben struck on April Fool's
Evening of 37 tones @ 1 am.
@ 4 am struck 39 tones

April 1, 1861

Big Ben struck on April Fool's
chime of 37 at 1 am.

At 4 am it struck 39 times.

Two men took 5 hours on
each of 3 days a week to wind the
clock. Now (1992) a 2½ h.p. motor
winds it in 40 min. 3 times a week.

A handful of coins in a tray on the 13-foot pendulum regulates the going; the removal of a halfpenny for 24 hours gives a gain of $\frac{1}{5}$ second. The daily error is normally less than this, and the greatest is $1\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

9 JAN 1861

MISS. SECEDED
FROM UNION

19 JAN 1861
GEORGIA
SECEDED FROM
U.S.

1961

When the Civil War broke out
in 1861, the northern soldiers,
wore snug, two-piece long
underclothes and vests made
from southern cotton.

Apr 11, 1861

Harriet Lane incident
U.S. revenue cutter "Harriet
Lane" fired first shot from
a ship in the Civil War
when stopping a southern
cargo ship from entering
harbor of Charleston, S. C.

Apr 11, 1861

April 1861

The North possessed a population of 26 million
the South 9 million

i.e. 6 million + 3 million slaves
North possessed nearly all the industrial
resources in the U.S., most of its
nation's financial resources and
most of its railroads

The tiny army of the North was a constabulary
force that barely provided enough soldiers

to intimidate the Indians

Apr 1861

At outbreak of War the Union navy
was small and many of the ships were
on distant cruises where orders to
return were long in reaching them.